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Responsive to the Office Action mailed January 23, 2006 by the Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments.

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